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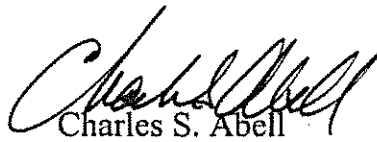
The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This informs you of the impending March 31, 2004, closure of the commissary located on Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, which the Department of the Navy is closing pursuant to the direction in Section 8132 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004. The Defense Commissary Agency will attempt to place the 30 affected employees in positions at the Fort Buchanan commissary and will assist them through the use of the DoD Priority Placement Program as delineated in DoD 1400.20-1-M. Eligible patrons also will be accommodated at the Fort Buchanan commissary.

We have sent similar letters to the President of the Senate; the Speaker of the House; the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations; the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services; the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations, Subcommittees on Defense; and the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Armed Services, Subcommittees on Personnel and Total Force.

Sincerely,


Charles S. Abell
Principal Deputy

cc:

The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member